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CHATTY LETTER FROM ENGLAND

The following letter from a young lady in the Old Country may have an interest for others as well as for its recipient, as illustrating life in England in war times:

Dear Uncle—I have been meaning to write to you every day during this month and nearly every day of last month to wish you a very happy Christmas and many happy returns of the day. I mean your birthday, and now it has to be "A happy New Year" and may each day of it be happier than the one before, then by the end of it, whatever will next Christmas be?

I haven't much news to tell you. I expect Flo and father have both written you for Eric, how he has joined the Royal Naval Air Service, and is in training at Southampton. He hopes to be a kite balloon pilot sometime. They seem to go a good many balloon trips, this week we had two post cards that he has sent from places where they have landed. The first one he said they had made a very bad landing and had brought two or three trees along with them! We are expecting him home this weekend, he has managed each one so far. He looks very nice in his naval uniform of course. He collects snailshells—he is highly delighted when any of the young soldiers salute him—the older ones never do.

Doris is at present translating a German letter that Eric sent. It is one that was found in a captured dug-out. The war news is a bit worrying just now, isn't it. It's a pity we had to leave Bourlon Wood, and the Russians and Roumanians are making such idiots of themselves and poor old Italy is in such a hole. Mr. Dunham was in tonight. He says Harry, the eldest boy, has been sent to Italy now, he has already been in France nearly three years. David is in Palestine, and Chris, the youngest of military age, is in Mesopotamia driving a motor transport, so they are a very patriotic family, and poor Mrs. Dunham has a good deal to think about, but she is always very chirpy, she really is a brick. I think it is astonishing how brave people are. I think it was hard to believe, before the war, that they all had it in them to be so great. I'm beginning to admire people most enormously.

Do you manage to get plenty of food materials in Canada? It is almost impossible to get butter now, and eggs are 6d. each, when there are any. Still its really not so bad, we are lucky to be able to get margarine sometimes. That is really nice too. Sugar does not seem quite so scarce now, but perhaps that's just because Eric is away all the week, he always was a sugar baby, and can't quite curb his sugar loving instinct even now. It is a bit thick, isn't it, and chocolates are so hard to get too, but cheer up, I suppose we'll survive that.

Did I ever tell you about poor Nagle, Doris' "lovely soldier"? He didn't write for ages so I wrote to York House to try to find out what had happened to him, and had the reply that he had died of wounds on July 3rd. I'm awfully sorry, he was a very nice boy, and somehow we didn't seem to think anything could happen to him, he had had so many narrow escapes, had been a prisoner for 2 hours, had been buried 15 minutes in a dug-out, had been wounded and left lying on the ground, and a German came along and rolled him over and turned all his pockets out, took his automatic pistol and some letters, then, by good fortune, left him. He had saved the life of his lieutenant (he used to tell the story in such an interesting "Oirish" way) and had won the D.C.M. I never heard how he had managed that, I would have loved to hear him tell. I never wrote to find out how he had got his last wounds—poor old Nagle, he was only 21 when he died.

Mother and I still go to the recreation rooms. We get a lot of soldiers there, nearly all young boys, some of them only look about 13. There is a boy there now who comes from Burgess Hill.

What a dreadful explosion that was in Halifax. I just noticed the heading on father's Evening News, 5,000 killed in great explosion. It seems as if nearly the whole town must have been wrecked. . . . We are having such ripping weather just now, it is just like spring—the birds sing so delightfully. Its awfully funny isn't it, at this time of the year. We had an owl in the oak-tree the other night, you know how close it is to our windows. I thought someone was being murdered, it was ghastly in the middle of the night, and I was just trying to decide what I ought to do when I saw a great dark thing flit silently and stealthily from the tree, and all of a sudden it dawned on me what the noise had been. It has come again two or three times, but I'm not alarmed now.

FRED.

STILL TALKING.

The Sedgewick Sentinel very pertinently remarks: "There are still some newspapers in Canada, The Camrose Canadian among them, who keep on talking about what Sir Wilfrid Laurier 'could have done' under this and that and the other conditions. If we had elected Sir Wilfrid on December 17th, he could stepped over into Quebec, straited out the insubordinates there and reconciled the various religious and racial factions into placid and harmonious unity, according to the old chief's political backers—but he must first be elected premier before the best there is in him would come to the surface in the interests of the Dominion. Would the attitude of Quebec have been materially changed had Sir Wilfrid been returned? Or would the attitude of the rest of Canada been transformed to conform to Quebec's deals? If to reconcile Quebec means that everything must be done to please Quebec that province has been given a mighty poor idea of democratic government, and the sooner they are enlightened the better. Sir Wilfrid can help to enlighten the Quebec people even though he isn't premier. Will he do it?"

BRITISH AIRMAN LAID WASTE HUN TOWN IN BELGIUM

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The town of Rousselaere (Roulers) in Belgium, was almost laid waste recently by the terrific explosion of an ammunition train caused by bombs dropped by a British airman, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraf. The airplane itself was brought down by the aerial pressure.

Many Germans and a few Belgians, the latter engaged in forced labor, were killed.

order. During the busy season the Bentley exporters expect to make up one train load of hay, grain, etc., and the importers will bring in a return load of coal, calf meal, and general merchandise. During the off days the train crew will be utilized to trim the grape vines and keep the ornamental shrubs and grounds round the Grand Central Depot in good order.

The shareholders of the line expect shortly to extend their line to Red Deer, where they will connect with the C.N.R., the idea being for the L. and B.M.V. R.R. to take over the latter and so relieve the government of the expense of acquiring the C.N.R.

FOOD IS CHEAPER IN CANADA THAN IN UNITED STATES

DIFFERENCE OF 55 PER CENT. IN POTATOES, 27 PER CENT. IN BREAD.

That living is better and cheaper in Canada than in the United States or any other civilized country is the claim made by an Edmonton expert on food control. Mrs. Jean Muldrew, who is now on the staff of Hon. W. J. Hanna's office in Ottawa, recently gave an address at the capital in which she said that while Canada did not have cheap food it was cheaper in comparison than any of the other countries. According to Mr. Hoover's statistics from the United States, potatoes were fifty-six per cent higher there than in Canada; bread was forty-seven per cent; rolled oats thirty-four per cent; fish, twenty-seven per cent; tea, twenty-four per cent; rice, twenty-one per cent; cheese sixteen per cent; beans fourteen per cent; bacon twelve per cent; milk ten per cent; pork nine per cent; and beef five per cent.

MILK AND FISH PRICES. With regard to milk, Mrs. Muldrew said that the food controller had been charged with raising the price. When she discussed last September that overseas buyers were offering farmers in Canada seventy-five per cent, more than they had ever been paid before, he looked into the matter, and arranged that such prices could not be offered, with the result that, although milk is dear, it is not dear in comparison with the increase in cost of labor and food. As a result of the fish campaign undertaken by the food controller's office, fish are now being brought in in perfect condition from the Atlantic coast; Canadian people are eating kinds of sea food which were never utilized to any extent before; and the use of fish has increased twenty-five per cent. Instead of placing an embargo on fish, Mr. Hanna asked the United States to adopt our plan and through co-operation they have done so.

As to the idea that bread is cheaper in England, the price there being five cents a pound, Mrs. Muldrew pointed out that this was for war bread, which is not equal in value to our bread. Further, to make that price, the British government has to buy the wheat, sell it to the miller, and regulate his price to the baker. The miller's profit has to be paid by the government, so the British taxpayer will pay for his loaf eventually. Bread has always been dearer in the United States than here. Lower prices of various articles in Australia and New Zealand are possible because these countries have no market for their products, owing to the lack of steamships.

AMERICAN BANK IS SEIZED BY BOLSHIEVSKI.

Petrograd Dec. 23.—Soldiers acting under the orders of Finance Commissioner Menashinsky yesterday surrounded and seized all private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of the National City Bank of New York. The manager, R. R. Stevens, was arrested and detained for a short time. Several surrendered the keys to the bank vaults, but Stevens refused.

THE PLACE OF THE DUAL PURPOSE COW IN WESTERN CANADA

(Experimental Farms Note).

The dairy type and the beef type of cow each occupy a place in which it is supreme. The dairyman, whose main business is the production of milk, and is so situated that that business is the most profitable he can engage in, wants a cow that will produce the largest amount of milk at the least cost. Her beef-producing qualities and the value of her calf he can afford to ignore. The beef-producing rancher is the opposite; with him, the production of meat is the only purpose for which cattle are kept. If a cow has enough milk to give her calf a good start, that is all that is required of her. Any additional milk producing ability is a source of danger to the health of the cow, and is not wanted.

Between these two extremes come most of the farmers of Western Canada. They have not the situation, facilities, nor inclination to be dairymen. They have no longer the open range for cheap beef production, and want more than a calf a year as the product of a cow. In other words, they want both milk and beef from their cattle. On most of these farms, the production of grain crop is the main feature of the farm. The sale of wheat is the chief source of revenue, but, as an important sideline, cattle are kept to utilize waste products, to supply the farm table with milk and butter, and to increase the revenue by the sale of steers. The ideal cow for these requirements is a cow of dual purpose type and breeding. Such a cow need not be able to beat the dairy cow at dairying, nor the beef cow at beef production in order to be most suitable for her job. She must be reasonably good at both milk and beef production, able to produce either economically, and to live on ordinary feeds without special care or pampering.

There can be no doubt of the demand in Western Canada for a dual purpose cow, but what of the meeting of that demand. There are, all over the country, thousands of grade Shorthorn cattle that are used as dual purpose cattle. Some of these are reasonably suitable for the purpose, most of them need improvement in both dairy and beef functions. In the aggregate, however, they are producing but three-quarters of the dairy production of the country and three-quarters of the beef. They form an excellent base on which to build up a stock of dual purpose cattle of real merit. The work with dual purpose Shorthorn cattle at Brandon Experimental Farm has shown that good milk production can be obtained from these cattle under western conditions. One pure-bred Shorthorn cow at Brandon has given 12,800 lbs. of milk in a milking period. Several others have given over 10,000 pounds; the average of the herd in 1916 was over 6,500 pounds. Similar results have been obtained in other herds. The difficulty, however, is that there are not enough pure-bred herds producing herd leaders for the general farmer. So great is the demand for young bulls at Brandon that a waiting list has been kept for some years and it is necessary to apply many months ahead in order to obtain a calf. Much injury has been done the dual purpose strain by the practice of some beef breeders of selling their cull bulls as dairy strain. Sometimes men, thin, ungainly beef stock have been sold as dairy strain, though they had no milk production behind them at all. Buyers of dual purpose stock should ascertain what the stock they purpose to buy can do in actual production before investing. Dual purpose stock should be of good beef

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HELPLESS JEWS WERE SLAUGHTERED BY TURK FORCES

New York, December 27.—Thirty Jewish men and women were executed by the Turkish army that surrendered Jerusalem to Gen. Allenby on December 10, according to an announcement made here today by the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs. Included in the number massacred were some of the most prominent residents of the Holy City and its suburbs, it was stated.

A father and sister of Aaron Aaronsohn, head of the Palestine Agricultural experimental station which is subsidized by the United States department of Agriculture, were among the victims according to the announcement. Mr. Aaronsohn was well known in Washington.

The retreat of the Turks through Galilee drove 12,000 Jewish survivors northward, where they were in dire need. The committee has undertaken to furnish \$30,000 monthly for their relief. It was stated.

type; bulls and heifers should not be thin, but should show good fleshing qualities, though of necessity heavy milking cows lose their flesh to quite a degree. There is room in Western Canada for breeders who will intelligently produce dual purpose cattle of merit. Such stock will find a ready market on the mixed farms of all three Prairie Provinces.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We wish to extend to all our readers the compliments of the season, and the hope that all will have a very happy and prosperous year.

DAY OF NATIONAL INTERSESSION

In view of His Majesty's proclamation for a day of National Intercession, it behooves the loyal subjects of the British Empire to respond to the observance of this Imperial decree, and we believe the City of Red Deer will not be found wanting when weighed in the balance of patriotism. In order that the citizens of Red Deer may give expression to their patriotic sentiments in keeping with His Majesty's wish, a joint meeting of National Intercession has been arranged under the direction of Mayor Smith and the Ministerial Association to take place next Sunday evening, January 6th, in Methodist Church. All the church services of the City will be merged into this one united meeting, and it is anticipated that a right royal response will be in evidence on the part of the citizens of the City. A collection will be taken in aid of the Red Cross. The meeting will provide not only for the sentimental but also for the practical expression of our patriotism. A special speaker will be selected for the occasion, and music will be provided by the combined choirs of the various churches. The time of the meeting is 7.30.

THE FARMER AND THE SOLDIER

An Alberta farmer was recently heard to say: "No more swine growing for me. I raised forty head last year and I could have sold the grain for \$200 more than I got for the hogs, because of the buyers' strike last week. I got caught once, and I know when I've got enough."

But suppose the soldier reasoned the same way and said: "No more fighting for me. I was in Cambrai last week and got hurt. I've been hit once and know when I've got enough."

The soldier who undertook to act on that kind of reasoning would be taken out and shot, because he is expected to forget himself and to suffer, and it need be, for his country. The farmer in question felt no duty resting on him, yet his philosophy acted upon in a large way is just as likely to cause him to lose this war as would that of the soldier. In the language of "The Country Gentleman"—there is a fifty-fifty obligation resting on all of us. That of the soldier is fighting; that of the general public is producing and saving what is needed to keep the soldier in fighting condition.

THREE THINGS SETTLED.

Three very great things have been settled by this election for all the future.

First, that in time of national emergency, party must disappear.

Secondly, that in time of national crisis, every citizen must be subject to the national call.

Thirdly, that so long as this country remains under the British flag, this

THE ASTONISHING CASE OF M. CAILLAUX.

If you look up the files of a daily paper for the latter part of July, 1914, you will find that alongside the first rumour of a possible war, we had patches dealing with the acquittal in France of Madame Caillaux, charged with the murder of M. Calmette, editor of the Paris Figaro.

The reports of her trial had been the principal item of foreign news for a week previous. There were editorial comments, the writers reaching the conclusion that conditions in France must be very bad when a woman could kill a man as Madame Caillaux had done and escape punishment.

The case undoubtedly revealed great weakness, and that weakness has persisted to a certain extent all through the war. It was an effort which France has made during the last three and a half years.

Caillaux, who had been premier some time before, was denounced by the Figaro as the enemy of his country and accused of having made enable relations with German agents. It was to avenge and silence these attacks that the madame took the step that she did.

When the war broke out, Caillaux was forced to leave the country. He left the country for a while. But a few months ago he reappeared and began once again to take part in public affairs. This was just before the charges of treason were brought home to him by the Figaro, the editor of Bonnet Rouge, and others.

It was more than suspected that these men were but the underlings in a movement of which the director in the background was Caillaux. There was a widespread demand for more active measures against him and his associates. Their failure to make these thorough enough was responsible for the fall of the last two premiers.

When it devolved on the President to find a man to take over the premiership a few weeks ago, he selected M. Clemenceau. President Poincaré's choice was a notable one, for the reason that he and Clemenceau had been the most bitter enemies of the political life. But it was felt that the seventy-six year old ex-premier and veteran journalist, whose resolute fearlessness was his distinguishing characteristic, earning him the title "The Tiger" was the man to root out what Lloyd-George called "Bolshevism."

Clemenceau was no sooner in office than he began to prepare for the prosecution of Caillaux. The latter was a member of the Chamber of Deputies and as such was immune from such proceedings. But Clemenceau declared that this immunity should be suspended. So strongly did he put the case that the Chamber of Deputies passed a law to the effect that on Saturday last the chamber, by a vote of 417 to 12, decreed that Caillaux must stand his trial.

Little by little now he proceeded with his case. There is nothing outside the law and fighting zones better worth paying close heed to.

MYSTERIOUS SHIP LANDS CARGO ON BRAZILIAN COAST

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 27.—Brazilian papers received here today are filled with accounts of the movements of a German vessel, the cost of a cargo, which, the newspapers assert that the mysterious vessel was identified as a German, and that it carried an immense cargo of heavy cases at Amoy, with additional cargo, which, the newspapers assert, it is believed she received from a larger ship out of sight of land. From Amoy the vessel proceeded to Calcutta, where another portion of the cargo was unloaded. These ports are not guarded, and it is asserted that the cargoes landed were mysteriously smuggled away. Later the German vessel was sighted close to the shore at San Pedro de Aldera, where two persons are now under arrest. They are charged with being spies.

The newspapers say the steamer disappeared as mysteriously as she came, and that Brazilians believe she brought supplies for a submarine base.

SALVATION ARMY.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment was held last Wednesday, before a large congregation, every seat being occupied, some improvised, and others borrowed. From the first to the last of the evening there was a note of appreciation displayed by the pleased congregation. Every item was looked forward to with keen interest and was accorded a hearty ovation. It would be difficult to single out any special feature as each item was rendered so well. The march and action song by 10 young ladies was given such a long and hearty ovation that it had to be given a second time. The tableau "Rocky Mountain" was a most touching scene, also the tableau, "Christ is All" which was a vivid portrayal of scenes depicting touches of practical Christianity in everyday life. Santa Claus arrived was of course the scene of the most cheering and the most tokens of the Christmas season to the expectant young people, thus bringing a most successful evening to a conclusion.

In a proclamation issued by the British Government, the importation into the United Kingdom by post of daily, weekly, or other periodical publications, otherwise than single copies is prohibited. No packages of papers sent by mail to the United Kingdom can be accepted, therefore, except those containing only one newspaper or periodical as the case may be.

ALBERTA FARM LOAN ACT POSTPONED; NO MONEY IN SIGHT

LEGISLATION PASSED LAST YEAR WILL NOT RESULT IN ACTION FOR THE PRESENT.

The provincial government has decided to postpone the operation of the Farm Loan Act until conditions of the money market become normal and money may be borrowed at a moderate rate of interest.

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The government has made the following official statement: "War conditions and unforeseen developments incident thereto have prompted the provincial government to make a statement of the situation with respect to the operation of the Farm Loan Act."

"The act was passed in April last and the matter of bringing it into operation has been constantly before the government. It has been remembered that up to that time the United States had not entered the war and that the American market was then open to the world for borrowing purposes. As soon, however, as the United States joined the Allies, her markets were closed to outside borrowers with the result that our source of supply—one from which in recent years a substantial portion of our borrowings had been received—was cut off. There remained only the Canadian market and it is hardly necessary to add that the large requirements of the Dominion government for war purposes preclude our borrowing in that quarter at a rate low enough to make the plan a success."

"The main principle of the Farm Loan Act involves the borrowing and the releasing of money with a percentage added to cover administration charges, and it will be seen that to insure effective results a continuous supply of money at a reasonable rate of interest is essential. The government has, therefore, determined that in the interests of the farmers themselves the act should not be brought into operation until conditions become more normal."

HISTORY OF THE ACT.

The Farm Loan act was passed at the last session of the legislature, and largely through pressure from the United Farmers of Alberta. It was hoped at that time that money might be borrowed at a low rate of interest from the farmers at 6 per cent. or less. Provision was made in the act that money might be loaned to the farmers for additional production and improvement of their farms.

Clause 19 of the act provided as follows: "It shall be lawful for the board to lend money secured by duly registered first mortgages on farm lands in the province free from all prior encumbrances. Every such mortgage shall be for a period of five years and shall contain a covenant on the part of the mortgagor providing for the payment of a fixed number of annual instalments sufficient to pay the interest and such amount for application on the principal as will extinguish the debt within the agreed period of 30 years."

"No loan shall be granted for an amount exceeding 40 per cent of the assessed value of the land offered as security for the loan. Not more than \$5,000 shall be loaned to any one person."

ROCKY MT. HOUSE

The Christmas season was spent very quietly in Rocky Mountain House. The stores were very busy during the Christmas week.

What's so cold, eh! Miss J. Fleming returned on Monday from Haysburg, where she has been for some time.

Mr. J. Rittenhouse spent the Christmas holidays in Red Deer, returning on Wednesday evening.

Everyone reports having had a good time at Evered's at the Christmas festivities, owing to the severe weather the attendance was small.

Prairie Creek is to be congratulated on raising the amount of \$300.00 at the Christmas entertainment for the Halifax relief fund. Their popular young teacher, Miss Freda Cook had charge of the subscription list.

The coal shortage here has been relieved to some extent by the arrival of a car of coal from Sandhill.

Mr. A. Norberg commenced operations his fence-post claim this week. He expects to get out about thirty-five thousand posts this winter.

Messrs. L. Bratton, A. Thompson, and Mr. Rowley left for Fort McMurray, where they intend hauling mine props for the colliery.

Owing to the severe weather the pump at Haysburg went out of commission, and the engineers on the C.N.R. plied water and sand through the mixed on Friday took only the passenger coaches.

The tie between Messrs Kirby and Symonds for the office of councillor at last was settled. Wm. Symonds was elected.

The council for the coming year is: F. W. Towler, J. H. Killick, and Wm. Symonds.

Oscar James returned to Rocky Mountain House last week.

PEACE DELEGATES ON TEN-DAYS RECESS.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The delegates of the Central powers to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk have agreed to a ten days recess in the peace negotiations, which will be resumed January 4, at a place not yet determined. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, is reported to be drafting a new note to the Entente. Allied plenipotentiaries are asking them to participate in the peace conference. Trotsky is also said to be preparing a new message to the peoples of the world. The Russian delegates to the peace conference will return to Petrograd tomorrow or Sunday.

An armistice is reported to have been reached between the Bolshevik forces and the troops of General Kaledin at Rostov with a neutral zone between the opposing lines.

OLD STUDENT RE-UNION AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

The ex-students of Red Deer High School held their annual reunion in the Assembly Hall at the school on the evening of December 28th. The attendance was not so large as it has been formerly, but a jolly time was spent by all. Miss E. Pyne, as president, and Miss A. Springberg, as secretary, had charge of the proceedings and carried them out in an able manner. The first part of the evening was taken up with dancing and games after which all repaired to the lower hall to partake of a tasty luncheon. After luncheon the business part of the meeting was carried out, agreeably interspersed with a solo by R. E. and an instrumental by Miss Lilla Parks. Mr. F. W. Galtz, Principal, and Mr. E. W. Galtz, also made short and pleasing addresses.

A pleasing part was the reading of letters from some of our boys at the front by the Secretary. They regretted not being able to attend, but assured us their hearts and good wishes were with us. Everyone was pleased to hear from the boys in France, but a note of sadness was added when the thought came into the minds of those who had said the supreme sacrifice since the last meeting.

At the election of officers for the coming year the following was the result: Hon. President, Miss Nelson. President, Roland Michener. Vice-President, Miss Edith Jarvis. Sec.-Treas., Miss Geraldine Davis.

The new officers each said a few words in appreciation of the honor shown them by their old school mates. Dancing was then enjoyed until the gathering dispersed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King. The retiring officers are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. Some disappointment was felt that ex-President McLean was not able to be present, as he has always been "much in evidence" at former meetings.

HOG PRODUCTION IN ALBERTA

Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, announces his plan for increasing the hog production in Alberta, and the request of the Food Controller, as follows:

Arrangements are being made by the Provincial Department for the purchase of some live or six hundred breeding sows. These are to be collected at Calgary and Edmonton to be resold to farmers at cost. A large number of these sows no doubt will be bought at present prices, where they have been shipped for slaughter, and in that way they will be rescued to be used for breeding purposes.

The Agricultural societies throughout the Province have been requested by the Minister of Agriculture, to organize their districts, and make a thorough canvass of farmers, with a view to induce them to put in two or three extra breeding sows, either to be raised or culled by the stock raiser, and to be sold to the public at a high price. Due to his long overseas, and lack of other help in looking after this stock, this Sale is being called.

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SPRINGVALE

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, Mr. Richard Gummow was with a very painful accident, dislocating the knee cap, and breaking one of the small bones of the knee. Mr. Gummow is doing as well as possible.

The Christmas entertainment held at Clearview on Friday, Dec. 21st, was a most successful one. The pupils of the school gave a very interesting and pleasing program, which reflected much credit on their teacher, Mr. Gibson, as well as on the pupils themselves. There is talent at Clearview which is worth developing. Miss Gwen Richards gave several beautiful vocal selections and very generously responded to an encore. A very pretty word drill given by six girls, added much to the program. This drill was under the direction of Mrs. Rowland. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Gibson, the pupils, the Misses Richards, Mrs. Rowland, and Mr. Dierke, who acted as chairman. A small but beautifully decorated Christmas tree gave the schoolroom a real Christmas touch. The pupils each received a generous sized bag of candy, nuts, and popcorn. The entertainment closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Springvale Sunday School was held on the evening of Wednesday, December 19th. The church was suitably decorated with evergreens and Christmas bells, and a large Christmas tree, with its abundance of Christmas decorations and lights, was the center of attraction. The program was under the direction of Miss Whelpley, and the pupils took their parts creditably. Special mention might be made of Miss Ellen Bennett, who took the part of Mrs. Rogers in a dialogue entitled "The Ruggles Christmas dinner." Miss Whelpley's recitations were much appreciated. Mr. L. M. Gaetz also gave two fine vocal selections. After the program Santa Claus appeared, and the children thought him the jolliest Santa that ever visited the community. A hearty vote of thanks was given Miss Whelpley for her interest and untiring efforts in training the pupils. This vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Bennett. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

It is proposed to have a week of prayer. Services will be held in the Methodist Church, Springvale, during the first week of the new year.

CASH AUCTION SALE

Having been favored with instructions from Mr. James Martin I will sell by Public Auction at his farm, South 1/2 of Sec. 22-27-1, W. of 5th, 16 miles S.W. of Red Deer, 10 miles S. of Sylvan Lake, 16 miles N.W. of Innisfail, 12 miles S.W. of Penhold.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1918. Lunch at Noon. Sale at 1 o'clock sharp.

FIFTY HEAD OF CATTLE. Eight Fresh Cows; One Cow to calf in March; 6 three year old Heifers, milking; One Registered Ayrshire Cow, fresh, six years old; Six two year old Heifers, rising three, due to calf in April, and May; Registered Ayrshire Heifer, rising three, due to calf in April; Eight yearling Heifers; Yearling Registered Heifer; Seven Yearling Steers; Nine Calves; Registered Ayrshire Bull, rising two.

NOTE.—The above cattle represent an exceptionally fine herd of grade Ayrshire Dairy Stock. Mr. Martin is a most successful dairyman, and for the past five or six years has been grading and culling his stock, so that his present herd are of exceptionally high grade. Due to his long overseas, and lack of other help in looking after this stock, this Sale is being called.

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Mr. Arthur Rogers, Auctioneer, has been instructed by W. Bawtinhimer, of N.E. 1/4, 30-37-26, 9 miles S.E. of Red Deer, 14 1/2 miles S. of Springvale School, who is leaving the district, to sell at the above place on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1918, At 10 a.m.

LIVESTOCK, IMPLEMENTS, AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

As follows: HORSES—16 Head—Brown Mare, 5 years, 1600 lbs, in foal to Percheron; 3 Black Mares, 7 years, 1400 lbs, in foal to pure bred Percheron; Bay Mare, 1400 lbs; Mare, 4 years; 2 Geldings, 3 years; Filly, 3 years; Filly, 2 years; 3 Geldings, 2 years; 3 Colts, 1 year; Filly, coming 1 year.

CATTLE—47 Head—22 Calves, coming one year, Grade Shorthorn; 6 Steers, coming 2 years; 16 Heifers, coming 2 years; 2 Cows; 1 Registered Shorthorn Bull.

POULTRY—70 Hens. IMPLEMENTS—15 inch Plow; Jang Plow; Set of Lever Harrows; Roller; Frost and Wood Binder; Fanning Mill; Dain Sewer; Covered Bug; Pole and Shaft; Cutter; Two Wagons; Pair of Bobs; Wood Saw, 2000 lb scale; Two Sets of Breaching Harness; Two Sets of Harness; Set of Driving Harness; Set of Single Harness; Saddle and Bridle and Shaps; Delaval Cream Separator, No. 12; Chains and Forks, etc.; Steel Gasoline Drum.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.—1 Bed, Springs, and Mattress; Oak Dresser; Dresser and Wash Stand; Book Case; Singer Sewing Machine; Set of Dining Room Chairs; Butter Worker; Washing Machine and Winger; Fruit jars and other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale starts at 10 o'clock. Terms Cash. Lunch will be served at 12.30 by the ladies of the Red Cross Society. A small charge will be made, and the proceeds will be given to the Red Cross, as Mr. Bawtinhimer is donating all the necessary food for the luncheon.

AUCTIONEER—ARTHUR ROGERS, RED DEER.

Owner—W. BAWTINHEIMER. Clerk—J. P. DOVER.

NOTICE

To John Ojanen,

Formerly of Leslieville, Alberta. TAKE NOTICE that proceeding under The Land Titles Act has been commenced against you by the Trusts and Guarantors Company Limited, through their solicitors, Messrs. Payne and Graham, by which the mortgage claims payment of the sum of \$607.00 with interest at the rate of eight and one half per cent per annum from the first day of November, A.D. 1917, and the costs of this proceeding, in respect of a mortgage made by yourself, covering the North-West Quarter of Section Seventeen (17), in Township Forty (40), Range Five (5), West of the Fifth Meridian, in the Province of Alberta.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the mortgage will apply for sale of the above said property if the arrears of interest and costs are not paid within two months from the date of the publication of this notice.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in case such sale should prove abortive, then the said mortgage will after such default shall have continued for six months after the time mentioned in said mortgage for payment, make an application to the Registrar for an Order foreclosing the interest in the said lands, of you and of all others claiming through or under you.

PAYNE & GRAHAM, Solicitors for Mortgagees.

Approved: "H. J. DAWSON."

N. WHITE, AUCTIONEER

Unique Find In Ontario

The locked antlers.

In September and October during the rutting season, the hunter occasionally bears the sounds of terrific combat between those giants of the forest, the bull moose. With their formidable antlers these huge creatures can snap a young birch tree like a piece of straw, and although it is only rarely that the "moose will attack a man, if he does so the man has little chance unless he is quick with his high powered rifle. The other day on St. Ignace Island, twenty-one miles south of Rosport, on the C. P. R., a pair of locked moose horns was found as the single record of a combat. It had evidently been fighting when the hunters became entangled, and unable to extricate each other the two animals died of starvation, their



A bull moose.

remains being licked clean by the bears who grow around the forests of Ontario.

A NEW SHIPMENT OF Ladies' Sports Hats

Specially Priced at \$2.50

Just what you want for Walking, Motoring, or Skating. This beautiful model Sports Hat in wide rib Velvet, in all the new Shades, Copenhagen, Navy, Green, Browns, Tan, and Old Rose. Specially priced\$2.50



The Time to BUY FURS RIGHT is Right Now

With the coming of the New Year we will have some real cold snaps, and equipped with one of our high-grade Fur Coats you can comfortably defy the coldest days. Here are some specials from our Big Stock:

Ladies' Beautiful Hudson Seal Coat in Full Length Model.
Cuffs and Collar trimmed with finest quality Coonskin
Lined throughout with Figured Silk Poplin.

Specially Priced at \$125.00

**Ladies' Natural Rat Fur Coats
\$75.00 & 135.00**

These are in the Season's Newest Models. Stylish and Serviceable, and there is nothing more comfortable in cold weather. They are made from best selected skins, beautifully and evenly matched, and at these prices are exceptionally good buying.

MEN'S WOOL MITTS

Specially priced. 10 dozen Men's Wool Mitts, made from extra strong yarn. Heather mixed shades. A good warm, durable mitt for every day wear! Special 25c pair.

Special in Men's Felt Boots at \$3.50

This is the balance of our Stock of Men's Felt Boots, from No. 1 Stock. Have pebble leather Vamps and thick Felt Soles. Sizes are 6, 9, and 10 only. Clearing at \$3.50

RANGE SPECIAL

Six Hole, No. 9 Range, fitted with Warming Oven, Cast Iron Enamelled Reservoir, Pouch feed, Nickle Plated Base etc. This is a High Quality Range, all nicely Nickle Plated, and guaranteed. Our special offer for the New Year, is a big bargain and should not be overlooked.

Price \$62.50

NEW CEDAR DUST MOPS

This is the most efficient Dust Mop on the Market. The increasing demand for these verifies this statement.

ASK TO SEE THEM.

A few O'CEDAR COMBINATION MOPS left. These are off the market now, and are an exceptionally good buy at the old price of \$1.25.

It Pays to Pay Cash

The W. E. LORD CO. LTD. RED DEER, ALBERTA.

AT LORDS.

You will find this store a good place to do your trading, where nothing but the most reliable merchandise is sold, and at reasonable margin of profit. The New Year finds us with a most complete and up-to-date stock of merchandise, purchased to such good advantage that we are enabled to offer them to our many customers at a big saving, and in many cases much below the present cost prices.

A Gossard Corset for Every Woman

Gossard Corsets are made by experts, and every pair is correct in every detail. Gossard Corsets make the most of any Gown and there is a Gossard Corset for your particular figure at a price you wish to pay. The same skilful designing, the same careful, expert workmanship and the same delicacy of outline are as carefully expressed in the lowest priced Gossard as in the most expensive creation of satin and real lace. When you are thinking of your next pair of corsets let our Corsetiere fit you to a pair of Gossards.



Prices \$2.50, 3.50 and 4.50

CROCKERY DEPT.

WATER GLASSES, fine clear Glass, medium weight, per doz. 75c.
WATER GLASSES, Heavy Clear Glass, stands the hard knocks, 60c per dozen.

GLASS SETS, including Cream Pitcher, Sugar Bowl, Spoon Holder, and Covered Butter Dish, for 73c.

GLASS FRUIT BOWLS, smoothly finished in scalloped pattern, GLASS FRUIT DISHES to match above Fruit Bowls, er doz. 75c
CROCKERY MENDER, 15c per bottle.

Strong Serviceable Boots for the Boy's School Wear

They are in the well-known "Williams" make. A boot that is made from the best grade leathers, and will stand all the rough wear that boys put them to. They are in Black, Tan, and in Wine Elk leather, a leather that will not harden when wet. Sizes 11 to 13, \$2.75 to \$4.75. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2, \$3.00 to \$5.00.

How Many Kernels of Wheat in the Jar?

The Most Important Question which should have your immediate attention.

FIRST CORRECT GUESS WINS THE CAR

Every Cash Register Receipt makes it possible for you to increase the number of Your Guesses

which are to be deposited in the sealed package at the Advocate Office.

Men's Heavy Wearing Socks

20 dozen Men's Good Winter Weight Grey Mixture Socks. Well made, good full sizes. A splendid warm sock for everyday wear. Special 3 pairs for \$1.00.

REAL VALUES IN Men's Fur Coats

1 only Beaver Coat, a beauty. Lovely soft, even fur, unplucked.\$275.00

1 only Coon Coat. Select skins. A perfect coat in every way.....Special\$195.00

1 only Coon Coat, nicely marked Skins.....A dandy for the price. Special\$165.00

1 only Korean Beaver. Even plucked Fur. Warm and Serviceable\$32.50

Boys' School Knickers



"The Jackson Bloomer"
LION BRAND

Start the Boys off to School right by clothing them with a pair of our Knickers. Tweeds and Corduroy in a great variety of colors and sizes. "Lion Brand," famous for their wearing qualities, reinforced where the wear is the greatest. Double seats and knees. To fit boys from 4 to 16 years. Priced from \$1.25 up.

Mens Black Worsted Half Hose

We are showing a splendid line of Men's Black Worsted Half-Hose. This is a good time to buy as these values will not be offered for some time to come. A fine winter weight. Lovely soft yarn, are warm and comfortable. Sizes, 10, 10 1/2, and 11. Special, 2 pairs for \$1.25.

Men's Heavy Ribbed Combinat'ns



Men who like a heavy ribbed Combination for winter wear should see "our Special," Good Weight Stanfield's Unshrinkable Underwear. Closed Crotch. A splendid wearing Garment, with warmth and comfort combined. A full range of sizes from 36 to 42.

Special \$3.95 per Suit

LOOK FOR GREAT GERMAN BLOW ON WESTERN FRONT

FRENCH ANTICIPATE CONCENTRATED ACTION OF HUNS ON THE WEST.

Paris, Dec. 25.—A culminating Austro-German offensive on the Franco-British front is a matter of general expectation here now.

Warnings of it have been published in the press for the last few days. Premier Clemenceau has adopted the wise policy of trusting the people in regard to coming perils and prefers that they should face the future with their eyes open rather than have a great offensive sprung upon them suddenly.

From a military viewpoint signs are not wanting that the Germans are preparing a stroke which they hope to be decisive. Along the British front, in Champagne, and especially around Verdun and farther west, the Austro-Germans are threatening and German raids are of almost nightly occurrence. The question everyone is asking here, a question which even draws out the discussion of Cailhau's mysterious past, is, on what part of the western front will the blow fall? That it will fall on one venture to doubt, but where and when remain the points of interrogation.

SNOW CHECKS ADVANCE.

When heavy snow falls in northern Italy, Austro-German action on the front in France is also clearly indicated as a direct result of the impossibility of operations in the Italian mountains.

"Apart from the active cannonade north of Verdun, there is nothing to indicate the intentions of the enemy on our front. But one thing is certain, which I know from excellent channels of information, and that is that unremitting labor for the past six months has been expended on our whole front from the Yser to Alsace so as to meet an enemy offensive wherever it may occur."

AWAIT AMERICA.

"The Bolshevik negotiations for a separate peace have no more meaning into the allied military situation in comparison with the way we looked at it a few months ago in full confidence of handling it victoriously, while awaiting the decisive aid of America. "In my opinion, Germany and Austria will think twice before throwing their available forces into an offensive on the French and British fronts, while continuing to attack Italy."

As for the locality where the German might be expected, geographical and above all railroad conditions point somewhere east of Argonne, where the Germans can most easily draw men and supplies from Metz and Strasbourg.

Possibly Verdun itself may be once more the scene of a gigantic struggle.

DRINK WATER ONLY WHEN YOU ARE THIRSTY

THE DOCTOR'S THEORY ON THE TIME TO PARTAKE OF "ADAM'S ALE"—HELPS THE CON- STITUION.

The proper time to drink water is when you are thirsty, no matter under what conditions the thirst may arise or when. Such, at least, is the present position of the more progressive of the medical fraternity.

The old superstition which forbids water at meal-times passes. It was a superstition which had much show of reason to be sure. It seemed quite evident that the drinking of water with meals unduly diluted the food and so hindered the mastication and assimilation that are essential to its proper preparation for the stomach.

The doctors seemed correct in saying that water, when introduced into the stomach with food, diluted the gastric and other digestive juices, so essential to the digestive process, and so very materially interfered with assimilation.

BEFORE SCIENCE INTERVENED.

On these grounds, to which the layman could not demur, we were condemned to thirst at meal-times by the edict of our physicians, although it is pretty safe to say that the majority of us heeded the voice of appetite—just as the doctors did in practice.

All this was before science had enabled men to actually see the digestive mechanism at work or to appreciate the delicate chemistry of the processes involved.

It now develops that, in so far as the digestive process is concerned, the principal effect of water is to greatly stimulate the flow of that essential fluid, the gastric juices. No other agent in our food does this so quickly or so effectively. More significant still, the gastric juice thus secreted has a higher concentration of acid than that produced previous to the introduction of the water.

That is to say, water is quite essential to the free production of the most important of the reagents which nature uses in transforming food into life.

RICH STRIKE IN COPPER.

Dawson, Dec. 24.—A rich strike in copper ore has been made on Williams Creek, near Yukon crossing, by Dawson men, according to word brought here. A tunnel has been run into the hill 150 feet and splendid ore has been found all the way. The strike is on one of a group of ten copper claims lying on Williams and Merritt creeks.

IS AGAINST A RUPTURE AT PRESENT

SIR GEORGE, GARNEAU SAYS ONLY THING QUEBEC CAN DO NOW IS TO CONFORM TO THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Sir George Garneau is quoted in La Presse as having made the following statement with regard to the notes of motion given in the Quebec legislature by J. Francoeur, member for Lotbiniere, of his intention to bring on a debate on the question of Quebec breaking the confederation agreement:

MUST ACCEPT VERDICT.

"I have not had time to think over the matter very much, but I may say once that this proposition is to say the least, inopportune, for there can be no possible question of a rupture of confederation. The elections are over. The majority of the people have pronounced in favor of a law which we do not like, but we are under a constitutional regime, we have but one thing to do, and that is to conform to the will of the majority. Once the elections are over, the passions that were raised during the campaign are calmed down, I am sure that there are enough well-disposed people in all the provinces to appease these prejudices and passions."

CHANGED TONE IN ONTARIO.

Sir George notes the changed tone of the articles appearing in all the serious newspapers in Ontario and states he has received letters from citizens of the province of Ontario who took an active part in the "home sentiment" movement and that their care at present is to successfully finish "that very excellent movement." He concludes as follows:

"As a matter of fact, I do not think there is much wisdom in discussing the rupture of the confederation at present."

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE IS SENT TO SOLDIERS BY KING AND QUEEN

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The governor-general has received from the colonial secretary the following messages from their majesties King George and Queen Mary for transmission to the Canadian troops:

"I send to all ranks of the navy and army my hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

"I realize your hardships patiently and cheerfully borne, and rejoice in the success you won so nobly. The nation stands faithful to its pledges, resolved to fulfill them."

"May God bless your efforts and bring us victory."

(Signed) George R.I.

"Our Christmas thoughts are with the sick and wounded sailors and soldiers. We know by personal experience with what patience and cheerfulness their sufferings are borne."

"We wish all a speedy restoration to health a restful Christmas and bright days to come."

(Signed) George R.I.

"Mary R.I."

DISTURBERS OF SLEEP

MEALS AND LOW PILLOWS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FACTORS.

A higher pillow aims at securing sleep. It is the opposite action to that used in first aid for infants. But a built-up pillow often helps sleep in other ways, as by making respiration easier for folks with bronchial or lung or heart defects (the ribs have more freedom to move so) or by facilitating the movements of gases in the flatulent. Wind or flatulence is a great cause of sleeplessness. It may prevent one falling asleep for hours, and it tends to make sleep snappy and unrefreshing. The comfort of the alimentary canal is thus important.

A heavy meal within four or five hours of bed time is a mistake, and an indigestible article eaten before sleep may cause disturbing dreams or actual nightmares. Folks differ in their capacity for reconciling sleep and digestion, and there are many to whom a light meal or a warm drink of milk or gruel just before lying down will act as a hypnotic and secure speedy slumber, sound and refreshing.

MEXICAN RAIDS WERE INSPIRED BY THE GERMANS.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—Federal officials tonight began an investigation of reports that the Mexican bandits who have been raiding the border states were inspired by the Germans. No operating south of the border in conjunction with American draft evaders.

WATCH YOUR STEP, IT TELLS YOUR WORTH

Do you know that your walk betrays your disposition? If you follow along an observer doesn't have to be a medium of any kind to recognize a lazy disposition. A slouching walk with the steps dragging along the ground denotes mental weakness and indecision. It shows lack of effort as well as laziness. And it shows no desire to have an attractive walk, too.

Without a doubt, a great deal of the instincts and sentiments of a man are shown by the manner in which he walks. A free and graceful walk is something to strive for. It indicates a well-balanced mind, strength of purpose, and good judgment. There is a confidence imparted by a good erect, firm, and graceful carriage.

People who walk slowly, taking long strides, raising their bodies on the tips of their toes, and taking short steps, have volatile and impulsive natures. They are lacking in self-confidence. They veer from one point to another and are incapable of a decided opinion. They lack the charm of poise, too.

Walking with toes turned in indicates a self-possessed nature and a stubborn one. You give the impression by this walk that, right or wrong, if you make up your mind you can't be induced to alter it. Walking with the toes pointed straight ahead indicates an open and generous nature. It shows self-confidence and great independence.

People who walk with a free air and swinging stride and with the head thrown well back have fearless and courageous natures. This walk denotes force, command, and productive energy.

People who walk with a slow and undulating movement are artistic and imaginative. They are dreamy and indolent and capricious in their likes and dislikes. They are incapable of exertion and still less of perseverance.

Notice your friends' walks and see if you cannot tell their characters, and take your observation as a bit of caution for your own walk.

PLANNED TO WRECK GOVERNMENT DOCKS ON PACIFIC COAST

FEDERAL OFFICERS ARREST ON A PRESIDENTIAL WARRANT FRANZ SCHULENBERG, AL- LEGED TO BE GERMAN SPY.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Federal officials announced tonight the arrest on a presidential warrant of Franz Schulenberg, alleged to be one of the cleverest and most dangerous German spies operating on the Pacific coast. According to army officers, he planned to destroy government docks and shipping in most of the big coast ports.

GOT DYNAMITE ON TRESTLE.

Military authorities said Schulenberg, under instructions from Lieut. Wilhelm von Brincken, formerly military attaché at the German consulate, purchased a ton of dynamite in Seattle at about the time of the explosion of a barge loaded with munitions in Puget Sound.

There is evidence, it was stated, of close association between Schulenberg and Franz von Papen, former head of the German secret service in the United States, and with Ram Chandra, who is on trial in the federal court on a charge of violating the neutrality of the United States.

NEAR CANADIAN BORDER.

Information in the hands of military authorities is said to cover alleged untruthful acts of Schulenberg, who reported to von Brincken at German consulate in San Francisco and volunteered for service of any kind. He was sent to see Ram Chandra and was furnished with money to go to Seattle. Schulenberg was instructed to report to the German consul in Seattle and draw enough money to buy one ton of dynamite, fifty Maxim rifles, and fifty high powered rifles, with ample ammunition. He was told to take his supplies to Sumas, Wash., near the Canadian border.

SUSPECT ADMITS GUILT.

Sacramento, Dec. 24.—"The I.W.W. is my country and my soul. I don't give a damn who knows it, and I am proud of it."

Voluntarily abusing the investigating officers and shouting the above statements in the beginning of his examination in the office of the United States commissioner, Martin L. Welsh, this afternoon, William Hood practically admitted that dynamite found in his possession when arrested here Saturday had been stolen by himself from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company at Smart, California. He said he shipped it by Wells-Fargo under the name of George Messingham, Captain of Detective Ryan states that there is no longer any doubt that the explosive was intended for the destruction of the local plant of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

ODD SUPERSTITIONS.

If you shiver, someone is walking over your future grave.

When your nose itches something will soon happen to vex you.

When your right eye itches it is a sign of good luck; when your left eye, of bad luck.

When rocks desert a rocky spot forebodes the downfall of the family on whose property it is.

A spider descending upon you from the roof is a token that you will soon have a legacy from a friend.

Candles and other lights are supposed to burn blue and dim when invisible beings are present, especially if they be evil spirits.

If you have a white mark on your nails, commonly called "gifts" you may expect to get as many gifts as there are marks as soon as these get up to the nail ends, in the course of their natural growth.

If you see the new moon through glass you will have ill luck through the month. If you see it in the open and turn the silver upside down in your pocket you will be wealthy for the month.

ONE PERSON IN TEN BOUGHT CANADA'S VICTORY BONDS

The latest returns in the Victory Loan campaign show a total of 782,714 subscribers, or one subscriber for every ten people in Canada. This establishes a new record with respect to the proportion of the population of a country subscribing to its War Loans.

The previous record was held in Great Britain, where one person out of every twenty-three subscribed to the last War Loan. In the Liberty Loan campaign in the United States bonds were sold to one person out of every twenty-seven of the population.

In many cities, towns and districts in Canada, the proportion of the population buying Victory Bonds was even higher than one in ten. In a number of cases it was as high as one in four.

The achievement in connection with Canada's Victory Loan, while primarily due to the splendid spirit of patriotism that pervades the country, is another evidence of what may be accomplished through press advertising backed by an adequate selling organization.

Prior to the Victory Loan campaign there were comparatively few bond buyers in Canada. The third Canadian War Loan of last spring, which was the most widely distributed bond issue in Canada up to that time, had only 41,000 subscribers. The Finance Minister deemed it essential that many times that number should subscribe to the Victory Loan. He assigned to the press the task of educating with respect to the Loan the great masses of the people who were not bond buyers, and in most cases had only a very vague idea of the meaning of the term "bond" as applied to the securities.

For several weeks, before the sale of Victory Bonds commenced Canada's need for money to carry on the war and to maintain her agricultural and industrial prosperity was presented to the people of Canada in display advertisements in the press. Emphasis was placed in these advertisements on the privilege and duty of every Canadian to assist in the war financing of his or her country, and was upon the fact that if Canada's financial needs were to be met the great masses of the people would have to buy Victory Bonds. The meaning of a "bond" and the security behind Canada's Victory Bonds were explained in simple, every-day language. Similar educational work was done voluntarily by almost all newspapers and other publications through their news and editorial columns.

By November 12th, when the sale of Victory Bonds commenced, the people had been educated very largely to the need for the money, the security behind the Loan, and the reasons why every person who could possibly do so should buy one or more Bonds. The preparatory educational work in the press was followed up by personal solicitation by a most efficient Dominion wide organization of personal workers. Concurrently with personal solicitation there appeared in the press a series of "selling" advertisements emphasizing the immediate privilege and duty of every Canadian to buy Victory Bonds, and many editorial and news articles along the same line were published in every newspaper.

The news publicity created an atmosphere and a knowledge of the situation that in addition to securing large numbers of subscribers without personal solicitation made it possible for the personal workers to do their work quickly and effectively and with infinitely greater results than could have been obtained without the educational, inspirational and selling advertisements in the press.

At the conclusion of the campaign Sir Thomas White, in a telegram to J. H. Woods, President of Canadian Press Association, Inc., expressed his sincere thanks for the fine spirit and splendid energy shown by the press and his opinion that the press had every reason to congratulate itself upon the character and effectiveness of the advertising propaganda.

THE PRUSSIAN SPIRIT ; "PUNISH" THE WORD

HOW THE KAISER HELPED TO BRUTALIZE GERMANY—SEEDS OF RANCOR ALSO SOWN.

The word "Strafen" has passed into our language. At the front it is the standing joke among the men and the spirit that it implies has become symbolic of the war, being our business today to get to work with the punishment of those who set out to punish us.

To punish—the soldiers are quite right. In that expression, Germany's entire male philosophy is epitomized. All her reason of State is embodied in that word. In the Court of Potsdam, in the barracks, in the nursery, in public and social life the spirit of punishment. The corollary of strafen is, of course, discipline. It is thus easy to see that in effect strafen is militarism and those who have read history will remember that militarism has been the hereditary gospel of Prussia since the rise of the Hohenzollerns.

HUN BRUTALITY.

Strafen, again, implies brutality. Is it to be wondered that the Hun is brutal? When we know his philosophy, can we marvel at his handiwork? We have ceased to be astonished. We know that the Lusitania was celebrated in Germany as an act of glory. Not a thought for the hapless women and children disturbed the Hunnish glees. England was punished, the Germans said. Strafen! Splendid! Strafen again.

The curious thing about this German brutality is the fact that it is largely artificial and indeed cultivated and in recent years has become the standard of virility aimed at by the military for the deliberate purpose of hardening the people for the sufferings and blood lust of the coming world war. Having lived in Germany as a boy, a student, as journalist for many years, I have often seen this distinction. The German individually is not a pugnacious fellow, though of a hot-tempered one; but his brutality is ever before him, and it brutalizes him.

If a horse stumbles, thrash as hard as you can. Any day all over Germany you will see horses unmercifully flogged and boys beaten till they can't walk, and the spirit of the whips and whips on the look out for a mistake to get one back with a blow.

Largely this is the result of the deliberate policy of the Kaiser acting on Hohenzollern traditions. He is a very cruel man, utterly ruthless, implacably stern. I remember as he was yesterday watching him at a Kiel regatta. We were crowding about the royal yacht in pleasure boats, while he was standing on the upper deck most majestically acknowledging the bouquets of flowers hung by women at his feet. Suddenly he got annoyed.

"Back with those boats," he cried. In an instant the river police were on us, pushing their heavy barges in against our rowing the benches of the women clinging desperately to the sides of the boats, which in the push and thrust began to roll dangerously from side to side. In three minutes some half-dozen of the boats were upset. With screams, shouts, yells and curses took the place of the Hohenzollern tribute. A few people got drowned, as many more were injured, boats and oars were smashed—it was an indescribable scene of confusion with the Kaiser's remark that it was that the Kaiser did not fancy the odor of his subjects so close under his nostrils. That was a little holiday strafen. A spirit of that kind cannot fail to influence a people. Small wonder if Germans are brutal and bullies. They are so at the wish of their Emperor. His object is the enforcement of blind discipline for military. In the army the brutality is terrible. I have seen sergeants strike men savagely across the cheeks with the scabbards of their swords, punish them on the face, and kick them at drill like dogs. No doubt that was the reason why officers and sergeants went behind their men in the early days of the war—they knew they would be shot by their own, and many unquestionably were.

RANCOR, ALSO.

The Germans have another favorite word—Groll, which means rancor. There is a great deal of Groll in Germany, the result of strafen, and in their armies there must be thousands and thousands of men who would rather slay their own regimental officers than the enemy and have found the means to satisfy their rancor.

When recently a Berlin newspaper complained of men offering their seats to women in railway and public places it meant this admonition to be taken quite seriously as an educational precept. The idea of virility. To accede to all for virility, by which Germans mean the ruthless military spirit—that is the German spirit of Kultur, which means an attitude to life. And there is what the Kaiser has made of his people and this spirit which is fighting and what he in turn must now beat down into submission or ourselves be strated into humility.—The English Review.

STETTLER DAIRY IS A PREY-TO FLAMES.

Stettler, Alta. Dec. 28.—The building leased by the Edmonton City Dairy here caught fire from the engine house at noon today and was almost totally destroyed.

The fire brigade responded promptly, but as the building is fully a quarter of a mile from the nearest hydrant the water would freeze before it could reach the building, so that it was of no avail.

The most of the contents were saved. The building belonged to local capitalists and was partly insured.

THE LIQUOR ACT MUST BE ENFORCED

To the Editor of The News.

Dear Sir: What the Junkers of Liquor must expect.

When on July 21, 1915, the 53,230 electors of the province of Alberta voted in favor of The Liquor Act, they anticipated the end of liquorism. The intent and purpose of the Act was not only to close the bars, the wholesale houses and the clubs, but to put the liquor traffic, as a business purpose shall be brought into the province of Alberta and not a single drop be kept in any of the storeshouses for export purposes. Should the Government of the Province hesitate, a referendum of the people may be again taken under the direct Legislation Act to totally deprive this outlaw of the remnant of his powers. Nor will an indignant public be satisfied until they have demanded and petitioned the Dominion Government to revoke every brewer's license and every liquor warehouse's privilege at present now permitted within the province. The Junkers of liquorism may expect that if they attempt to continually defy the will of the people, an outraged sense of justice will rise up and demand their final overthrow and elimination.

A. W. Coone,
General Secretary
Alberta Social Service League

For the first three months after the Act came into force the liquor business was practically dead. Very little was shipped into the province, and none within it was legally sold; but the crushing defeat by the temperance forces was soon forgotten and hope revived. A conference of liquor men was called and the best legal advice obtained. Contrary to the spirit and purpose of the Act, liquorism opened its agencies and sent out its travelers to take orders and flooded the province with circulars and newspaper advertisements. These agencies and agent, after a battle in the courts, were declared illegal. But the liquor interests not to be defeated, simply changed their methods so as to hoodwink the law and went on with the sale of their wares. The act permitted the establishing of warehouses in the province where liquor could be stored for export purposes only. These by ways they were dark found methods of violating the law, and soon became "blind pigs" on a large scale.

This continued thwarting of the will of the people so aroused an indignation public that the Provincial Legislature was asked to amend The Liquor Act, eliminating the warehouses and stopping all liquor agents and advertising.

Four months have passed since the new amendments have come into operation, and already civilization's greatest outlaw has broken loose again. This time the method of attack is changed. The former flank movement of getting around the act by subtlety and intrigue is now forsaken in a frontal attack. The liquor interests are now combined in a determined attempt to discredit the law by an avalanche of violations everywhere; some of the breweries in the province becoming noted blind pigs, with the sale of 2 per cent. as a premium for the sale of regular beer. But the

main force of this frontal attack is to be seen in an attempt to challenge the very constitutionality of the Act itself. Expert legal talent is being retained for the "big drive" against The Liquor Act. Several cases have already gone to the courts and have been decided in favor of the liquor interests. Another case is said to be under consideration which would annul the present limitation in a private dwelling to one quart of spirits and two gallons of malt liquor. There would then be no restraint upon the amount which might be brought into this province. The flood gates would be open and barrels would come in where bottles now are brought.

When in the game of justice will the Junkers of liquorism cease their outlawry? How long will they thwart well known public opinion?

The capital's back is breaking under the proverbial last straw. Let these Junkers now take warning. They are doing what they have always done, that is to arouse an indignant public that will rise up and demand their extermination, taking from them any privileges which they now possess. While there has been no attempt on the part of the temperance people to pass the Act further than the vote of 1915 demanded, the Junkers will so outrage public opinion that there may be a demand on the Provincial Parliament to again amend the Act so that not one drop of liquor for beverage purposes shall be brought into the province of Alberta and not a single drop be kept in any of the storeshouses for export purposes. Should the Government of the Province hesitate, a referendum of the people may be again taken under the direct Legislation Act to totally deprive this outlaw of the remnant of his powers. Nor will an indignant public be satisfied until they have demanded and petitioned the Dominion Government to revoke every brewer's license and every liquor warehouse's privilege at present now permitted within the province. The Junkers of liquorism may expect that if they attempt to continually defy the will of the people, an outraged sense of justice will rise up and demand their final overthrow and elimination.

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Increase your crop 30 per cent. by using it.

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December 26th, 1917.

I certify that the following are the winning numbers in the recent suit sale held by Brumpton & Gaetz, Limited:

Group number one—Winning No. is 118
Group number two—Winning No. is 219
Group number three—Winning No. is 374

GEO. W. SMITH, Mayor.

Will holders of these numbers please present them at our office with sale slip and receive a reward of their money.

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All prices to suit all purses

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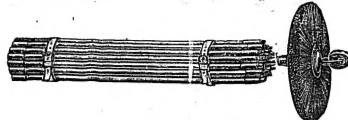
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That my prices are fair, and I guarantee satisfaction.

If you have any doubt of any of these assertions, give me a chance to demonstrate the truth of same.

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THE UP-TO-DATE MECHANIC

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Having secured a new machine direct from England, I will clean stoves, furnaces, pipes and chimneys. I have the only machine in the city. I also repair and build chimneys. Work guaranteed.
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Try our ICE CREAM for Xmas week. Ice Cream made to order in bricks and in bulk delivered to all parts of the city. Phone us for prices.

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TWO DOLLAR WHEAT AND CHEAP LAND

FARMERS AND INVESTORS! We have some great bargains in farm lands belonging to estates under our care and in process of being wound up. Individual farms for immediate sale and settlement, or tracts of land from 1,000 to 10,000 acres for colonization. Write, stating your requirements. Lists on application containing prices and offering very easy terms. Demand has been unprecedented. Apply at once before the best are gone to

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Prompt Attention—Quick Service

Dry Wood For Sale

\$2, \$2.50, \$3.00 a Rick.

Cash must accompany all orders

GEO. CHAPMAN - Prop

Block south of P.O. Phone 122

NOTICE

Having taken over the agency for the Spindle Cone and Brassiers, I will be pleased to supply to all old and new customers these goods. Any lady wishing orders taken right away will find me each Saturday afternoon at my room, No. 2, upstairs in the News Block

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. CLUTTERBUCK,

Nov. 7 41

L.I.D. 371.

WARNING TO LAND OWNERS.

Change was made by the last Provincial Legislature in the Local Improvement Act, whereby all lands in arrears of taxes due Local Improvement District will be placed on a "Tax Enforcement Return" during the month of January and later sold for Taxes.

WILL YOUR LAND BE SOLD?

We suggest that you look the matter up and if you owe the Local Improvement District 371, pay it off before December 31st, 1917. If you are not sure as to the amount due, mail me a postcard, giving the location of your land, and I will furnish you with a statement of your Local Improvement Taxes due.

Dated at Sylvan Lake,

This 10th day of December, 1917.

E. S. GRIMSON,

Secretary-Treasurer, L.I.D. 371.

Dec. 12-3

MOUNT ROYAL MATERNITY HOME

will be open to receive patients

after November 15th, if you are

or month. Terms reasonable.

Phone 273. P. O. Box 456.

Nov 14-4

ANTI-FREEZE FOR

AUTOMOBILES

Call on JOHN ARCHER, opposite

the Ford Garage, 404 Ave. N.

and have Anti-Freeze put in your radiator.

It won't freeze, won't boil as

quickly as water.

Auction Sale of Timber Berth covering

Dominion Lands.

THE RIGHT to cut timber under li-

cence on Berth No. 2436, comprising

the following lands in the Province of

Alberta, will be offered at public

auction at the upset price of \$1,650.00,

at 2 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the

20th of February next, at the office

of the Dominion Timber Agent at

Calgary.

Timber Berth No. 2436 situated in

the Province of Alberta, comprising

Sections 2 and 3, in Township 46,

Range 10, West of the 5th Meridian,

containing an area of 2 square miles,

more or less.

A license will not be issued until

the full amount of the purchase price

ground rental for the first year have

been paid.

The conditions of payment, rate of

rental, etc., are contained in the Tim-

ber Regulations, a copy of which may

be secured on application to the un-

derigned, or to the Crown Timber

Agent at Calgary.

B. L. YORK, Controller.

Timber and Grazing Lands Branch,

Department of the Interior,

Ottawa, December 3, 1917.

NOTICE

I wish to make the announcement

that I have sold my Blacksmith busi-

ness to Mr. Chas. Wilkie, of the City

of Winnipeg, who takes it over on

January 1st. Mr. Wilkie has resided

in Winnipeg, from where he comes to

Red Deer, and I trust that he will re-

ceive the same liberal patronage that

has always been given to me, and for

which I wish to thank my patrons

most heartily.

W. SPRINGBETT.

MEN WANTED everywhere to show

Samples or mail circulars for large

Mail Order House. Permanent po-

sition. Will pay \$20 weekly.—The

Consumers' Association, Windsor,

Ontario.

Dec. 15-17

LETTER FROM THEO. WRIGHT

Pte. Theo. Wright, formerly of the Advocate staff, writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, Crossroads, as follows: This is to wish you the third happiest Christmas possible under the circumstances; and still the war wages on as lively, or maybe livelier than ever. However, we have much to be thankful for. I was up for another medical board the other day, but was marked "F.T.", which, being translated, means permanently unfit for active service, almost without examination, so that keeps me down here for a long time more.

The weather keeps very decent con-

sidering the time of year, but is pretty

rotten at that.

I have a pleasant change from my

regular work, which at present has

mostly to do with the dispatching of

railway trucks loaded with our goods,

and keeping in touch with the sailing

of a certain class of boats from Eng-

land, but at least twice a week, and

often more, I have a round trip of

twelve miles on a bicycle with a mes-

sage. Gee, it's great to get on a little

old bike again, and the roads are very

good though badly worn with the tre-

mendous traffic on them.

I would give anything to have you

all over here for Xmas. I'm quite a

trustworthy guide to the city now, and

know all the places of interest, and we

could have a regular Xmas dinner at

the Blue Ribbon Hotel, which is de-

cidedly "Blue Ribbon," and is presided

over by a decidedly English old dame.

I am sending some post cards of the

town shortly, as I find one may send

them without bumping against the

censor.

If you could manage it at all, a good

sweater, something like the one you

sent me two years ago, would come in

very handy, as my old one is, to the

best of my knowledge, lying along

with my rifle, harness, bombs, toma-

hawk, etc., in that valley of bliss, the

Scum.

Well, I must close now, as there is

not much else to say, and I am getting

near the end of my paper which is of

French manufacture, and a French-

man's idea of a good paper, by the

way; and there is a cold draft on the

back of my neck; so will hope that

you have a scrumptious time, and that

I will be home for the next (a pretty

hopeless sort of a hope, I am afraid—

the second hope, I mean).

Your loving son,

"TED."

INCREASE IN RAILWAY RATES

An important judgment handed

down Wednesday by the board of rail-

way commissioners provides for a 15

per cent increase in passenger rates in

all parts of Canada, with the exception

of British Columbia, where the maxi-

mum rate now is 4 cents a mile. The

judgment also permits, subject to the

limitations of the Crow's Nest agree-

ment and certain specific limitations,

an increase in freight rates of approxi-

mately 10 per cent in the west and 15

per cent in the east. Cost of labor

and materials have been increas-

ing, with the result that the expenses

of the Canadian roads are mounting at

a much swifter rate than earnings, and

the increased rates allowed will not

meet the increased costs.

BINGLEY

Sapper William Hamilton, who re-

ided out Bingley way, and who en-

listed in the Engineers in Calgary in

March, 1916, has been killed in ac-

tion. A Sergeant, writing to his mother

in Scotland, states: "I regret to in-

form you that your son, Sapper Wil-

liam Hamilton was killed in action on

October 24th. He died doing his duty

for his country. He suffered no pain,

being killed instantly. He was a good

soldier and a good worker and did

his duty bravely for his country. He

was laid to rest in Belgium, and a

cross was erected by his comrades

over his grave. He is greatly missed

by his camp, for his cheerful ways

and his kind disposition among the

boys. I trust that God will help you

to bear that great sorrow. His chums

and I sympathise with you in your

great bereavement.

MEMBERS OF CANADIAN

FORCE HAVE WON 7000

DECORATIONS IN WAR

London, Dec. 27.—Seven thousand

decorations have been conferred to

date on members of the Canadian

expeditionary force for valor in the

field, and for outstanding war service.

Seven officers and twelve men have

gained the coveted Victoria Cross;

306 officers have received the D.S.O.;

six have gained the bar to the D.S.O.;

and 105 Canadian officers have receiv-

ed the Royal Red Cross. There have

been one K.C.B. and 16 C.B.'s and

three K.M.C.G.'s bestowed on Cana-

dians. One thousand and ten officers

and 26 of other ranks have been de-

corated with the military cross.

One hundred and eighty-eight med-

als have been awarded to Canadians

—64 to officers and 128 to men. Men

in the ranks have been awarded with

676 Distinguished Conduct Medals,

and six received bars to the D.C.M.

Four thousand three hundred and

twenty-four have received the Mil-

itary Medal, 125 have received bars

to the Military Medal, and three have

received the second bar. Sixty-three

have earned the Meritorious Service

Medal.

"THE DEVILS"

One likes the King all the better

for that, after one of his friends who

knew the facts had told him of the

ill-treatment in a German camp of

English prisoners he sprang up and,

with crimson face, shouted, "The

devils!" and "Oh! my brave men!"

PRESBYTERIAN & XMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Tommy Atkins and Jack Tar were given the place of honor, that is their due at the Christmas tide entertainment in the Presbyterian church on Sunday under the chairmanship of the 1st. The programme went march- Willie Reid dressed as John Bull. The sailor boys were Teddy Moyes, Charlie Wright and Little Jack Brown, while Margaret MacPherson represented the thistle, the rose and the shamrock. Tommy Atkins, also in uniform, was taken by two Macs, Ronald McDonald and Charlie MacPherson, with Helen Brown and Gladys McI., in singing his praises. The Red Cross nurses, in spotless uniform, were Zelma Moyes and Rhoda Brown, while Gladys McI. made the people sit up in their seats. A fine choir of boys and girls backed up the principals with a lot of choruses. The middle part of the programme was taken by Christmas humorous recitations that were highly enjoyed and were given by Chas. McFarlane, David Colston, Jean Hamman, Gertrude Connors, Winnie Dancock, and Zelma Moyes, who also to repeat her "Grandpa Knows." While Elva Malcolm's sweet little song, "Bunked Boy," was a treat. A fine patriotic drill with the flags of the Allied nations around the Union Jack, with marching and singing, closed a fine programme, for which the audience expressed their appreciation to Mrs. E. Clark, Mrs. Fyfe and Mrs. Moyes

We Wish You All

A Happy and
Prosperous
New Year

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Corner of Ross St. and Gaetz Ave.

New Year Greetings

To our many Customers

and Our Thanks

for your esteemed patronage during the past year.

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and the baby. Rings suitable
for every age, for every pur-
pose, for every occasion. If you
are in search of a ring, be it a
signet, a solitaire or a plain gold
band you can do no better than
to select it from our unequalled
collection. Our guarantee goes
with every ring.

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Jeweller and Optician

Local and District Intelligence

Schools re-open tomorrow.

John Dalg was home for the holidays.

Rev. Kelfa was in the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hugst are visiting friends in Winnipeg.

M. L. Beckett has been visiting his friends the past week.

Miss Gilleland visited her mother at Bowden Christmas.

Miss Baird spent her Christmas with her parents at Gadsby.

Donald McClure, of Edmonton, was visiting in the city last week.

Mrs. Dr. Turner, of Innisfail, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Paterson.

Prof. H. H. Gaetz, of the University, spent his Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gaetz.

Mr. and Mrs. McGee, of Calgary, were the guests of Mrs. H. W. Trimble over Christmas.

Miss Jessie Dicknell, of Lethbridge, has been spending the holiday with girl friends in the city.

A jolly sleighing party was celebrating Saturday evening through the principal streets of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, of Calgary, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Greig over Christmas.

W. J. McLean, Public School Inspector, of Gaetz, has been elected a member of the council of that town.

When a young man, living in a dry town walks through a plate glass window as if it was not there, what is one to think?

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Northey returned from their honeymoon on December 23rd, and have taken up residence in Balmora.

The death is announced of Joseph Kee, of Port Edward, Ont., on December 16th. He is a brother of Mr. Proctor and Mr. Kee, of this city.

Meeting of Soldiers' Wives' Club to be held at Mrs. Ted Wilson's Monday next at 8 o'clock. All members are asked to attend as election of new officers will take place.

The winner of the Chevrolet Car will undoubtedly be the purchaser of a Goulay Piano, as he or she will have from four to five hundred guests.

Mr. E. Michener, M.P.P., will address the Women's Club in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Saturday afternoon next, January 5th, at 3.30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all the women of the city to be present.

G. A. Sheline, the energetic manager of the Red Deer Hide and Metal Company, has sold his residence in Red Deer west, and has purchased the Spotlight Cottage west of the Steam Laundry, where he will reside in the future.

Miss Pearl Hall, of Edmonton, has been spending the holiday with the Misses Brumpton, 6th St. North. Miss Hall has been renewing old friendships, and on Saturday afternoon many of her old school-girl friends were invited in to see her, a pleasant little gathering being the result.

The handsome kitchen cabinet turned over to the Benalto Red Cross Sewing Circle by Mr. J. S. Simpson will be raffled for at Evaris on January 24th, 1918. Dance in the school-house, admission 50c. Hot chicken supper will be served in hotel dining room at 50c per plate. Numerous useful articles will be sold by auction.

A very successful concert and entertainment was given by the Red Cross Sewing Circle and the young people of Cross Roads, in the schoolhouse, on Wednesday, December 19th. A splendid program of songs, dialogues, and recitations was rendered by the school children and others. After lunch had been served dancing was enjoyed for a couple of hours. The sum of \$27.50 was realized from the sale of luncheon, and a beautiful boudoir cap donated by Mrs. Arthur Rogers, was raffled off and brought \$10.00. The total of \$37.50 will be used for Red Cross purposes.

Mr. N. White is selling for Mr. James Martin, Ridgeview, South-west of Red Deer, on Monday, January 14th fifty head of grade Ayrshire cattle—first-class herd of dairy cattle.

Mrs. J. H. Salton and family, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Thompson for the past week returned to their home at Clive on Monday last.

Miss R. O. Jones and Miss Berney Jones, of Calgary, were Christmas visitors with their sister, Mrs. A. E. Foster, Sixth St. North. Miss R. O. Jones will remain for a few days with Mrs. Foster.

Mr. Donald Smith was called east on Sunday by the news of the sudden death of his mother at West Monkton Ont. Christmas parcels from her for the grandchildren arrived after Mr. Smith had left.

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Miss Elrid Macdougall, of Lethbridge, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Moyes.

The Supreme Court sittings at Red Deer for the trial of criminal cases will begin on Thursday, January 24th, before Mr. Justice Ives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lester, of Winnipeg, were visiting Mr. Lester's sister, Mrs. J. E. Robertson, over Christmas, on their way to the Coast.

Mr. J. H. Salton, publisher of the City News Record and the Mirror Journal, and Mrs. Salton are visiting Mrs. Salton's mother, Mrs. Howarth, for a day or two.

Charles Bremner, B.A., received word a few days ago that he had been successful in completing his M.A. degree, with special standing in history and psychology.

Mrs. O. G. Shearer, of Sylvan Lake who has been at the Mount Royal Maternity Home for some time, is greatly improved in health, and has returned home.

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Public and High School books, paints, crayons, Chatterbox, and diaries at John McVicar's book store, Gaetz Avenue North.

The next meeting of the Red Cross Sewing circle of Cross Roads and Poplar Ridge will be held on January 2nd, at the home of Mrs. R. B. Woods-worth.

The full amount of the purchase price ground rental for the first year have been paid.

The conditions of payment, rate of rental, etc., are contained in the Timber Regulations, a copy of which may be secured on application to the undersigned, or to the Crown Timber Agent at Edmonton.

B. L. YORK, Controller.

Timber and Grazing Lands Branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, December 1, 1917.

STRAYED on to the premises of the undersigned a two-year-old bull, Red with dark head and with white spot on flank. No visible brand. W/41 owner please call, pay expenses, and take it away. G. E. Woods, on Dr. Stanton's place, Poplar Ridge.

Dec.15*

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE, Mission Oak Player Piano, slightly used, in perfect condition. For sale at a bargain or will exchange for cattle. —Apply P.O. Box 554, Red Deer.

Dec.23*

WANTED—Needlework, sewing, and mending of all kinds. By day's work or at home. Moderate prices. —Apply Mrs. Louisa, Box 295, or at Room No. 1, Model Rooming House, Nov.5th

ESTRAY—Strayed on to the premises of the undersigned, a yearling gelding, No visible brand. Dark mouse color, white spot in forehead. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this ad.—George Quinton, Horn Hill.

Dec.23*

STRAYED from Sec. 19, T9, 38, Rg. 2, two Yearlings, branded BN6 on the left ribs, also small piece cut out of the left ear.—Apply to W. Huss, Benalto, or J. Cruickshank, Red Deer.

Dec.19*

FOR SALE—Quarter Section, \$20.00 per acre. Three miles due east of Penhold station, comfortable House, Granary, and 40 acres in Timothy. Good terms to right party. Apply H. Edwards, on the property.

Nov.28.

STRAYED—One Bay Pony, branded on left shoulder, with bald face.—Apply to J. R. Mayberry, Power House, and receive reward.

Jan.2*

WANTED a Young Girl to take charge of a child. No washing.—Mrs. W. Pentland Lindsay, between 7 and 8 p.m., Red Deer.

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NOTICE

Mr. W. E. Benson, the Rawleigh man, having been called to the colors, wishes to close up his business here, and desires to have all his accounts in as soon as possible. All parties owing him kindly forward same to

BOX 663, RED DEER, ALTA.

Jan. 2*

CASH AUCTION SALE

HIGH GRADE SHORTHORN CATTLE.

Favored with instructions from Mr. A. Dupont I will sell at his farm, the S.W. 1/4 1438-14th, half mile east and one mile north of Burr Lake, 3 miles south and 2 miles east of Sylvan Lake,